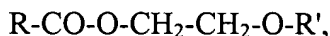
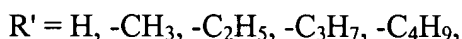


Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Hydrophilic polyolefin materials, ~~in particular fibers, and/or filaments, and/or nonwovens, and/or nonwoven products~~ made from a mixture of at least one polyolefin and at least one melt additive containing a fatty acid ester of the general formula



where R is a straight-chain or branched-chain alkyl residue with 23 to 35 carbon atoms, and where



~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polyolefin materials include a subsequent activation of the fatty acid ester contained in the melt additive on the surface of the polyolefin material by applying a surface active substance in the form of a formulation which contains a silicone compound and a quaternary ammonium compound.

2. (Currently Amended) Polyolefin material of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the silicon compound is cationically modified.

3. (Currently Amended) Polyolefin material of claim 1 ~~claims 1 and 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the quaternary ammonium compound is a quaternized ester of fatty acids and triethanol amine.

4. (Currently Amended) Polyolefin material of ~~claims 1-3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the formulation for the subsequent activation of the used fatty acid ester on a fiber surface is an aqueous preparation.

5. (Currently Amended) Polyolefin material of ~~claims 1-4~~, ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the formulation for the subsequent activation of the used fatty acid ester on a fiber surface is set on the surface, ~~preferably~~ physically.

6. (Currently Amended) Polyolefin material of ~~claims 1-5, characterized in that~~ claim 1, same which contains 0.01 to 0.5% by weight, ~~preferably 0.05 to 0.15% by weight~~ of the formulation for activating the used fatty acid ester on a fiber surface.

7. (Currently Amended) Fibers produced from a polyolefin material of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1-6.~~

8. (Currently Amended) Filaments produced from a polyolefin material of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1-6.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A nonwoven ~~Nonwoven~~ produced from a polyolefin material of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1-6.~~

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The nonwoven ~~Nonwoven~~ of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ it has repeated strike-through time measurements according to the EDANA test method ERT 154.0.00 of smaller than 5 seconds.

12. (Currently Amended) The nonwoven ~~Nonwoven~~ of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ it has in the determination of a repeated runoff according to the EDANA test method ERT 152.0-99, a repeated runoff of less than 25% by weight of the test fluid based on an applied quantity of fluid.

13. (Currently Amended) A nonwoven ~~Nonwoven~~ product containing a nonwoven of claim 9 ~~one of claims 10-11.~~

14. (Currently Amended) Method of producing hydrophilic polyolefin materials, ~~in particular fibers, and/or filaments, and/or nonwovens, and/or nonwoven products,~~ which consist of at least one polyolefin and a melt additive containing a fatty acid ester, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polyolefin materials include a subsequent activation of the fatty acid ester contained in the melt additive on the fiber surface by applying a surface-active substance in the form of a formulation, which contains a silicone compound and a quaternary ammonium compound.